

Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
Technology Center 3600

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

<b>Application No.:</b>	10/563,246	<b>Examiner:</b>	Severson, Jeremy R.
<b>Filing Date:</b>	May 3, 2006	<b>Art Unit:</b>	3653
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<b>For:</b>	<b>CONTINUOUS SEPARATION OF LOOSE SHEETS</b>		

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**OF DECEMBER 26, 2008**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is responsive to the Office Action dated December 26, 2008 in the above application wherein claims 1-24 are finally rejected.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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AMENDMENT

Please amend the pending application in accordance with the following particulars.

In the Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS. The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application and is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.